

**CITY OF FREEPORT**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Meeting Opened**

The October 19, 2015 Freeport City Council Special Council Meeting was opened at 6:30 pm by Mayor Russ Barley.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Clerk Gary Mattison, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel and Parks Director Dana Weiler.

**II. Invocation & Pledge**

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Before going into the advertised items for the meeting agenda, City Clerk Mattison informed the Council there was an emergency situation involving Well #2 being out of compliance with FDEP. The 110' column assembly needs to be pulled and inspected, then repaired. Probably going to cost in the neighborhood of \$7500 just to be pulled and inspected. This item will be brought to the Council at the October 22 meeting.

**III. Freeport Regional Sports Complex Issues**

Parks Director Weiler presented quotes for the filed aeration/potash application and the perennial rye application. (Attached)

Council Discussion: the Council noted that the lowest bid was that of the vendor currently being paid, but that the Council was very unhappy with the quality of their work.

Council Action: Councilman Farris motioned to accept the bid of True Green for the aeration/potash/perennial rye application. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. 4 ayes (Farris, McLean, Brannon, Laird) and 1 nay (Cuchens).

**IV. Job Interviews**

**A. Billing Clerk - no business conducted**

**B. Staff Accountant - no business conducted.**

**C. Utility Director**

The following candidates for the Utility Director position were interviewed:

1. Alicia Keeter
2. Scott Brannon

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The Council heard the interviews and filled out ranking sheets which were tallied by Clerk Mattison and Planner Hughes-Neel (attached).

Clerk Mattison announced that the candidate in first place was Alicia Keeter. Second place was Scott Brannon.

Council Action: Councilwoman McLean motioned to extend an offer of the Utility Director position to Alicia Keeter for a salary of \$65,000. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

### **V. Personnel/Staffing**

Clerk Mattison announced that he was not going to be able to continue as City Clerk due to personal issues; he would be devising an exit plan for December 1 and would work toward a smooth transition.

Councilwoman Cuchens, Councilwoman Brannon and Councilman Farris thanked Mattison for all he had done.

Mattison stated that the City Clerk job description needed to be tweaked and he would work on it.

### **VI. Meeting Adjourned**

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mclean motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk